(c) The DGCA ensures, on a continuous basis, strict compliance of safety norms by all air operators, including private operators by way of safety audits. Besides, spot checks on maintenance activities are also carried out by the DGCA. DGCA also keeps updating the Civil Aviation Requirements/Circulars to strengthen aviation safety aspect. To provide better airworthiness schedule for enhancement of air safety aspect, Government is running two international training programmes for the officials of DGCA and airlines ***viz.*** Co-operative Development of Operational Safety & Continuing Airworthiness Programme (COSCAP) and European Union-India-Training Programme.

Investigation against Jet Airways

2108. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 103 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 13th July, 2004 and State:

(a) whether the investigation pertaining to Jet Airways regarding alleged legality and status of ownership rights, sources of funding the airlines inspite of heavy losses and financial bungling has been concluded;

(b) if so, the outcome of the findings of the investigation; and

(c) the action taken by Government against the airlines based on the above findings, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) The matter is under examination of the Government.

Multiple Designated Carrier Status

2109. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently some initiatives have been taken to prepare an open sky policy that would usher in greater air connectivity between India and the Asian countries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof specially the steps taken to ask the Asian nations to grant India the multiple designated carrier status and other related reciprocal rights?